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HARASSAMENT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases regarding the crime against tourists particularly foreign tourists, have come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard as collected from the State/UT Governments for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some foreign tourists have even died in such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government has issued new guidelines/ directions/suggestions to the States in this regard recently; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (f): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and as such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists, is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The data on incidents of crimes against tourists, including foreign tourists is not compiled by Ministry of Tourism. Following recent media reports regarding harassment with tourists in India, the Ministry of Tourism discussed the issue of safety and security of tourists with Secretaries of Tourism of States/Union Territories and representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence. Ministry of Tourism in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and State Governments/Union Territories is in the process of framing guidelines for formation of a Tourist Security Organization comprising mainly of Ex − Servicemen for the safety and security of tourists.